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PRIORITY -- [REDACTED] GENSER MESSAGE -- 7099 CHARACTERS  
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SUJF: IPAC DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY 95-85 (U)  
(DIPS REC. I.D. PN 001) (U)

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- (1) [REDACTED]
- (2) CHINA
- (3) CHINA
- (4) [REDACTED]
- (5) [REDACTED]
- (6) [REDACTED]

(1) (C/NCFORN/WNINTEL)

(2) (S/NCFORN/WNINTEL) CHINA

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(2) (C) NOFORN) CHINA

(U) (C) (NOFORN) THE REAPPEARANCE OF RANK DESIGNATORS IN THE PLA HAD BEEN DISCUSSED AND ANTICIPATED; HOWEVER, IT IS BELIEVED THE NEW RANK SYSTEM IS NOT BEING INSTITUTED THROUGH THE PLA AT THIS TIME. RATHER, A GRADUAL PROCESS IS ANTICIPATED, SIMILAR TO THE METHOD UTILIZED IN INTRODUCING THE NEW UNIFORMS EARLIER THIS YEAR.

(U) (C) (NOFORN) AN OBSTACLE TO WIDESPREAD INITIATION OF THE NEW RANK SYSTEM IS THE PROBLEM OF WHAT GRADE TO GIVE THE MANY "LONG-HABITERS" STILL IN THE PLA. RECENT STATEMENTS BY CHINA'S LEADERS THAT THE PLA WILL BE REDUCED BY ONE MILLION MEN WITHIN THE YEAR MAY BE AN INDICATION THE PLA WILL TRY TO OVERCOME THIS PROBLEM BY RETIRING THE OLD-TIMERS. HOWEVER, UNTIL THE ISSUE OF PRIVILEGES AND BENEFITS IS SETTLED, MANY OF THESE WOULD-BE RETIREES LIKELY WOULD OPPOSE FORCED RETIREMENT, WHICH WOULD FURTHER DELAY THE FORMAL REINSTITUTION OF RANKS IN THE PLA.

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